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PRESIDENTIAL

ELECTION

Here's a glimpse at
the GOP candidates
in S.C. primary

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz.

Age: 71 Current job: U.S. senator from Arizona

War in Iraq: He opposes an immediate troop withdrawal and opposes a timetable for withdrawal.

Abortion: He opposes abortion rights except in cases of rape, incest or to protect the life of the mother and believes abortion laws should be left up to state governments.

Immigration: He supports the construction of a 700-mile southern border fence and "a legal path to citizenship for some illegals" currently living in the U.S.

Health care: He promotes open health care markets to encourage competition and lower costs to American families.

Higher Education: He has supported legislation lowering student loan interest rates and supports increasing the amount of money families can save for their children's education.

Former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani

Age: 63 Current job: Lawyer and consultant

War in Iraq: He stresses "expanding security capabilities" within U.S. borders. He opposes a timetable for withdrawal and supports a troop surge.

Abortion: He supports abortion rights as well as programs that increased adoption rates in New York City.

Immigration: He supports the construction of a 700-mile southern border fence. He supports a path to citizenship but says immigrants must pay back-taxes, penalties and learn English.

Health care: He opposes federal mandated health care and aims to increase competition between providers and driving down costs through tax cuts.

Higher Education: He thinks the federal government should help with scholarships and loans.

Former Ark. Gov. Mike Huckabee

Age: 52 Current job: Term as Arkansas governor ended in Jan. 2007

War in Iraq: He supports additional spending on the war and opposes a timetable for withdrawal. He emphasizes "diplomacy and inclusion" in his Iraq policy.

Abortion: He supports a constitutional ban on abortion.

Immigration: He supports a 700-mile southern border fence and opposes both amnesty and sanctuary for illegal immigrants.

Health care: He says he would make health care affordable by improving medical liability factors and electronic record keeping. He would also make health care tax deductible.

Higher Education: He made an attempt to pass a \$250 million higher education bond towards Arkansas community colleges and public universities.

Rep. Duncan Hunter, R-Calif.

Age: 59 Current job: U.S. representative from California

War in Iraq: He supports a troop surge and increased use of Iraqi forces and opposes a timetable for withdrawal.

Abortion: He supports a constitutional ban on abortion.

Immigration: He supports a 700-mile southern border fence and is opposed to amnesty for illegal immigrants.

Health care: He supports tax cuts strengthening private sector investments in health

care. He also supports more competition "across state lines" and increased public disclosure of different plans.

Higher Education: He voted against the Higher Education Access Act of 2007, which would have lowered the cost of higher education by cutting loan subsidies by billions of dollars.

Rep. Ron Paul, R-Texas

Age: 72 Current job: U.S. representative from Texas

War in Iraq: He is against military force in Iraq and supports troop withdrawal. He says military victory in Iraq is "unattainable."

Abortion: He favors a ban on partial-birth abortion and supports a return of the decision to individual state governments.

Immigration: He supports a 700-mile southern border fence, strict visa regulations and rejects amnesty and welfare. He also supports an end to birthright citizenship for illegal immigrants.

Health care: He supports making health care costs tax deductible and promotes discussion between doctors and insurance companies to make health insurance less expensive.

Higher Education: He said he would "abolish the U.S. Department of Education and make undergraduate tuition, fees and living expenses tax deductible."

Former Mass. Gov. Mitt Romney

Age: 60 Current job: Term as Massachusetts's governor ended Jan. 2007

War in Iraq: He is opposed to a timetable of withdrawal and supports a troop surge. He believes an additional 100,000 troops and tens of billions of dollars needed to improve national security.

Abortion: He was in favor of an abortion rights bill when he ran for senate in 1994, but is currently opposed to abortion rights. He believes the issue should be left up to the states.

Immigration: He opposes a guest worker plan and supports testing new methods to more effectively verify workers' legal status.

Health care: He supports financial aid for the uninsured and promotes individual states developing their own plans to cover the uninsured.

Higher Education: As governor of Mass., he created

a scholarship program giving high achieving students a tuition-free education at any public Mass. college or university. In 2006, he used "emergency fiscal powers" to cut over \$37 million from the Mass. state budget that would have benefited state colleges.

Former Tenn. Sen. Fred Thompson

Age: 65 Current job: Actor

War in Iraq: He supports Bush Iraq policy, but says U.S. entered war with wrong strategy.

Abortion: He opposes abortion rights and calls abortion "bad medical science."

Immigration: He supports stricter immigration policies and opposes amnesty. He supports expanding the visa program for skilled workers.

Health care: He opposes a universal health-care plan and supports competition among providers.

Higher Education: He gives no detailed plan to lower college costs but said "colleges and universities must work to control costs."

-Compiled by Brad Maxwell and Halley Nani

ROMNEY

VISITS

CAMPUS

Fresh from win in Mich.,
former governor shifts
focus to Palmetto state

Halley Nani

THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney spoke on family, military and economic issues to students and supporters Wednesday night in the Russell House Ballroom.

"It was a big night last night in Michigan," Romney said. "Only a week ago we were down in polls. We came back strong."

The Republican presidential candidate said he hoped to experience a similar victory this weekend in the South Carolina primary.

In front of a sign that read "America Is Broken," Romney said the American people wanted a president that kept his promises.

"People have been promised action on issues like social security and illegal immigration," but lawmakers have not stood up for them, Romney said.

"It's time for us to take action," he said, "because Washington as it is cannot get the job done."

Romney acknowledged that top Democratic candidates such as Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., and Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., want to bring change to the government, just not the kind average Americans want.

Touching on the ongoing War in Iraq, Romney said the military needs better care and weapons for fighting militant jihadists.

Romney said "our president has kept our country safe" and Americans should want to keep the troops safe.

Aside from strengthening the military, Romney stressed the need to strengthen America's families.

Romney pointed out that all Americans need some form of healthcare, and the amount of uninsured Americans was causing a problem.

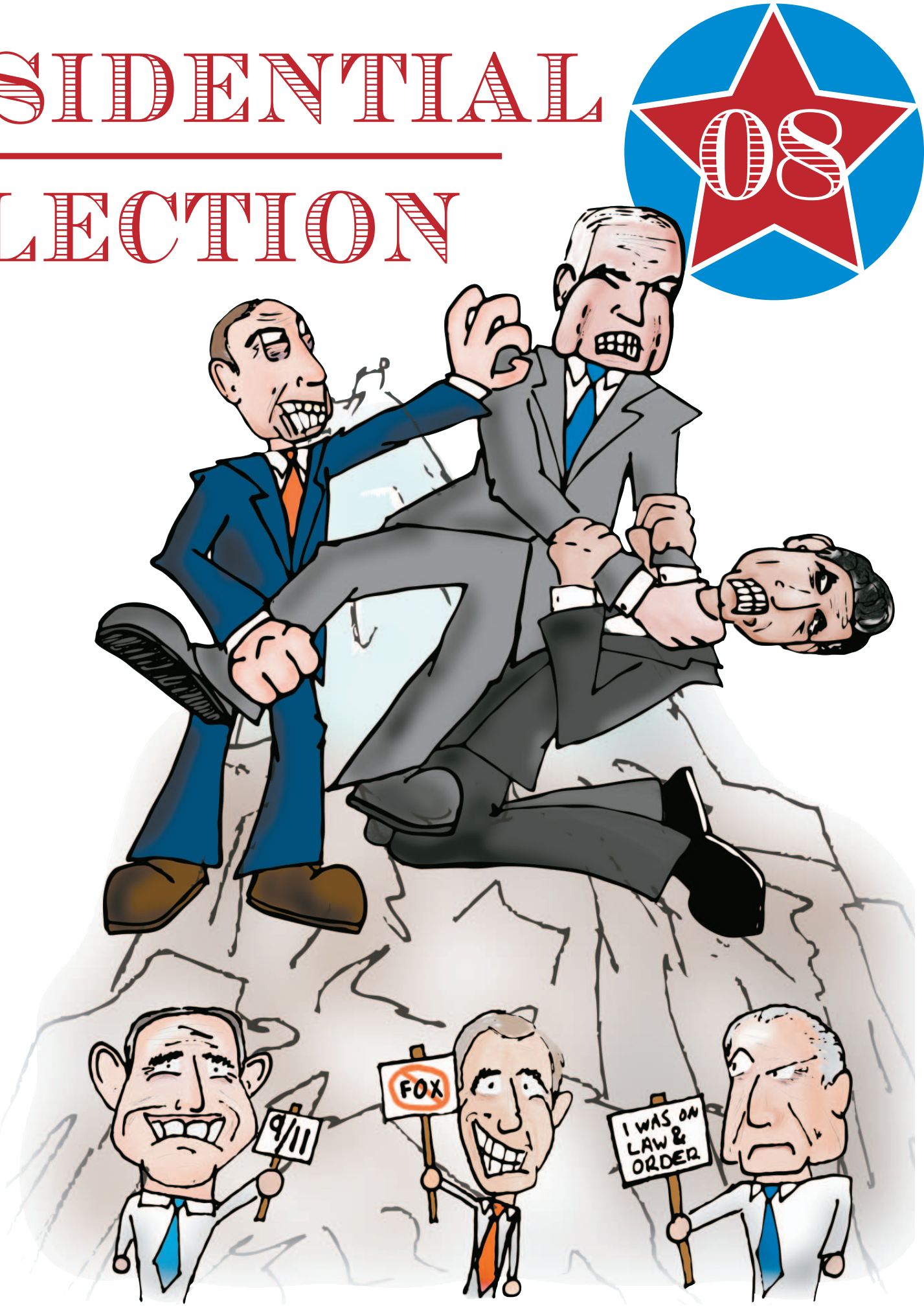
He said Americans paying for the healthcare of other Americans "is not good for us, and it is not good for them."

He also said schools in America do not perform as well as those in Europe and said teachers deserve better treatment.

Lastly, Romney spoke about the economy, an area familiar to the former management consultant.

He said in order to have strong military, plentiful jobs and healthcare, the economy in America needs to change.

"We must fight for every



CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

This Week

7 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Poster Sale in Russell House lobby

11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
MLK Day of Service Registration in Russell House lobby

Today

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Student Body Elections Informational Meeting RH Senate Chambers (322/326)

6 p.m.
Impact '08: Building a Better Safer World in Russell House

6:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Tea and Grits: A Southern Speaker Series in Gressette Room

7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Zephyrus Medieval Quartet Concert in Rutledge Chapel

JANUARY 19
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Jan. 22 and 23
Filing for Candidacy
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Russell House 227

Feb. 18 and 19
Student Body Elections
Vote on VIP

Local

AIKEN (AP) — Authorities say a former Aiken County jail guard has been arrested and charged with giving alcohol to his underage neighbor.

The State Law Enforcement Division says 35-year-old William J. Morrissey of New Ellenton gave a case of beer to an 18-year-old last week.

Lieutenant Michael Frank says Morrissey was charged Tuesday with transfer of beer to a minor and is free on bail. He had worked at the jail for more than three years.

It was unclear if Morrissey has an attorney. His phone number was unlisted.

Morrissey is at least the sixth Aiken County officer fired since October, when Sheriff Michael Hunt let four narcotics officers go after learning the four drove in a county-owned car to bars.

In December, a deputy was fired after he was arrested and accused of drunken driving.

National

NEW YORK - Don't try to spray with regular roach killer. Do seek out professional help.

Don't pick up couches off the street. Do make sure your new mattress is wrapped in plastic when it's delivered.

Faced with thousands of complaints about bedbugs in the past few years, the city announced a series of seminars Wednesday to teach people how to deal with the apple-seed-size vermin that have been bloodsucking their way through the city and nation in growing numbers.

"It's about quality of life," said Luiz Aragon, deputy commissioner of the Department of Housing and Preservation. "We know that people are sometimes attempting to deal with this problem, but they don't know how to."

In fiscal year 2004, the city received 1,800 calls about bedbugs, Aragon said. By 2007, the number had increased more than

BRIEFS ● 5

Alexander Sergeevich Krupenko, a USC chemistry student passed away Monday, Jan. 14.

Visitation services will be held Friday at the Greek Orthodox Church of Trinity, 30 Race St. in Charleston. The family will receive friends at 10 a.m. with services to follow at 11 a.m.

Crime Report

SEPT. 15
Grand larceny, 8 a.m.
Coker Life Science, 715 Sumter St.

Someone took a parasitology slide box, containing 55 slides and an Olympus CX31 microscope.
Estimated value: \$2,600
Reporting officer: N. Peter

MONDAY, JAN. 14
Larceny, 4 p.m.
Capstone, 902 Barnwell St.
Someone took a silver

mountain bike from the rack.

Estimated value: \$200
Reporting officer: J. Dupree

SUNDAY, JAN. 13
Larceny, 5:30 p.m.
Bates House, 1423 Whaley St.

Someone took a silver and black Raleigh Summit bike and a cable lock from the rack.

Estimated value: \$380
Reporting officer: J. Newson

[WEATHER]

TODAY



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Tomorrow



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PIC OF THE DAY



Alan Tauber / THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Mitt Romney spoke in Russell House Ballroom Wednesday on his plans for the White House. He stayed after, signing autographs and meeting the audience.

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Apply Online by Jan. 31st:
<http://www.housing.sc.edu/rsl/greenquad.html>

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Open House Events

- Jan. 17, 5pm
- Intro to Organic Gardening
- Community Garden Interest Meeting
- Jan. 22, 5-8pm
- Back Porch Energy Initiative
- Segway Demo and Test Drive
- Tour Green Quad Facilities
- Jan. 24, 5pm
- Intro to Organic Gardening
- Community Garden Interest Meeting
- Jan. 27, 6pm
- Bill Ayers Presentation;
"Civic Engagement and Social Activism"
- Jan. 30, 5-8pm
- Back Porch Energy Initiative
- Segway Demo and Test Drive
- Tour Green Quad Facilities

(All Events will be held in the Green Quad Learning Center For Sustainable Futures - D Building. Refreshments Served)

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Greek Life wants to wish everyone the best of luck this semester!

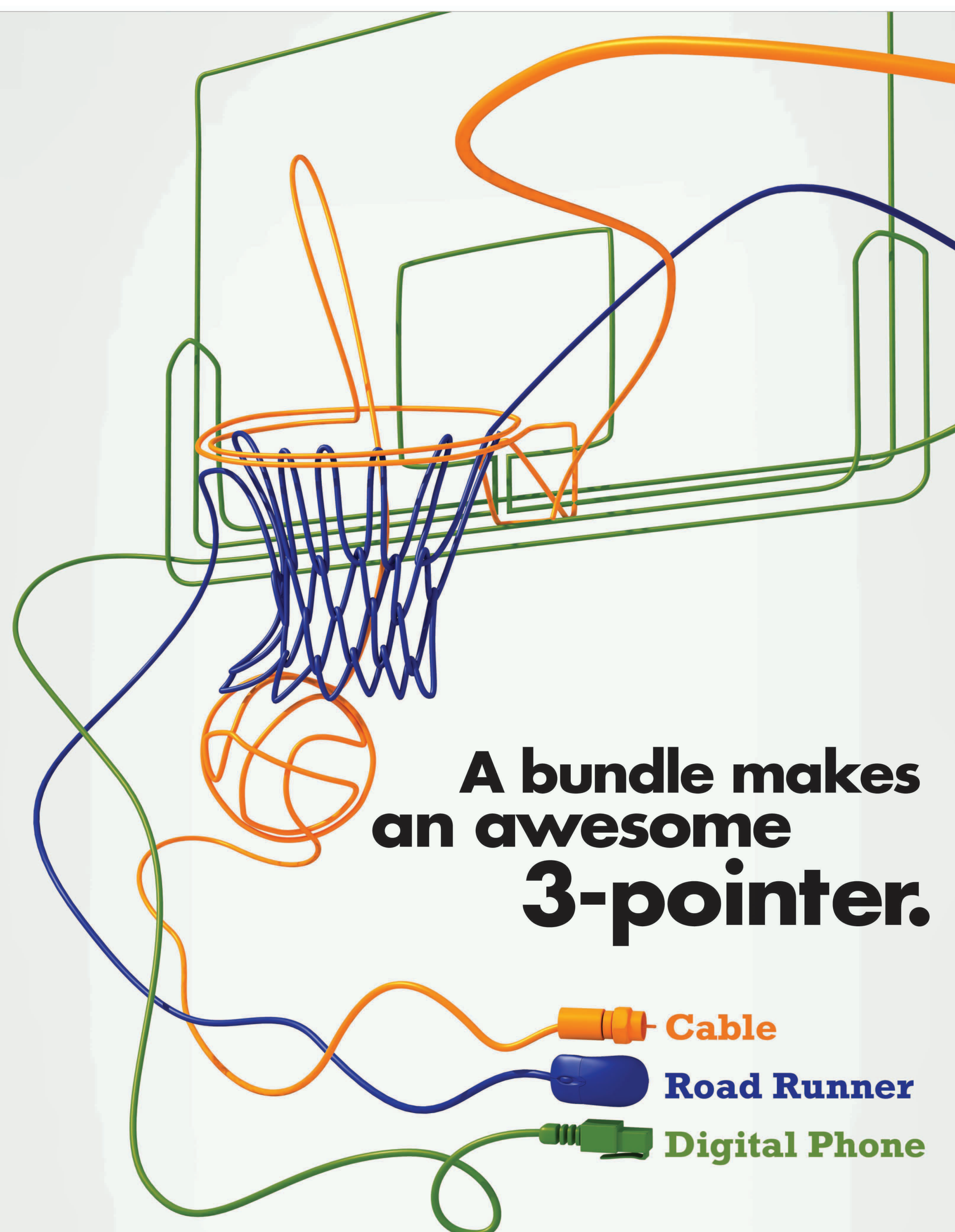
Kappa Kappa Gamma will be hosting a jean sale at their house on **January 23rd** from **12 - 4 p.m.** There will be designer jeans at discounted prices, with 10% of the proceeds going to their philanthropies.

Congratulations to Alpha Kappa Alpha for celebrating their 100th Anniversary on **January 15th!**

Zeta Phi Beta celebrated their 88th Anniversary and will be hosting a basketball tournament for the NPH Fraternities at the Blatt at **7:20 p.m. tonight.**

Delta Sigma Theta celebrated the 95th anniversary of their founding on **January 13th!**





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Survivor to speak at USC

Takashi Teramoto, atomic bomb survivor, v shares thoughts on life-changing experience

Jenn Lias
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

A survivor of the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima, Japan will speak in room 250 of Gambrell Hall at 5 p.m.

Takashi Teramoto, 73, welcomes students, faculty and the general public to listen to a presentation speech about his experiences in Japan during the atomic bomb attack and the years that followed.

Teramoto said he shares his story because he "wishes not to have [his] children and grandchildren experience the tragedy [he] went through."

The presentation is brought to the university as part of a nationwide tour sponsored by the Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation, an international peace organization located in Hiroshima that specializes in promoting an end to nuclear warfare.

Teramoto, was only in fifth grade when the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima on Aug. 6, 1945,

he said. His house was only one kilometer away from the epicenter of the bomb. As told in his testimony, Teramoto hovered between life and death for almost six months, lost all his hair and never saw his mother alive again. He said he hopes to share what he saw and heard on that dreadful day and explain how it has affected his life.

Teramoto, now retired, continues to volunteer as a guide at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum.

Steven Leeper, chairman of the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum, stressed Teramoto focuses on the future instead of dwelling on the past.

"He is not here to complain about the past or give a history lesson, but instead hopes to warn about the future," Leeper said.

Emily Mitchell, a fourth-year religion and math student, visited Hiroshima over winter break.

"I made a connection with the Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation. I



Mr. Teramoto and event organizers in Atlanta on Jan. 11.

Natsuki Okita

was interested in visiting Hiroshima because I am doing my senior thesis on the atomic bomb," Mitchell said.

It is Mitchell's desire to help the organization that is responsible for bringing

MLK honored through service

Students appreciate, gain knowledge of Dr. King's influence

Chantelle Lytle
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Carolina Service Council and Community Service Programs will host the 11th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr., Day of Service event on Monday from 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Kathy Niu, a third-year interdisciplinary studies student and director of the day of service, said she wants to increase participation this year, compared to last.

"I want to foster even more excitement, participation and education," Niu said. "Last year, an estimated 420 students participated in the Martin Luther King, Jr., Day of Service and to date we have 486 students registered."

Alex Scabo, a third-year history student, said he did not participate last year but is considering attending this year's day of service.

"I'm familiar with the event, but I didn't go last year," Scabo said. "As long as I don't have any vacation commitments, I'll be there this year."

CSC and CSP added the MLK Poster Competition and Dr. King Exhibits to the list of activities on Monday.

Students can attend Dr. King Exhibits from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. on the second floor lobby of the Russell House to view books, pictures and articles related to Martin Luther King, Jr. The Poster Competition winner

will be announced during the opening ceremony for the MLK event.

Rebecca Swift, a fourth-year Spanish student and president of CSC, said she hopes students will take advantage of the opportunity to participate in the event.

"I really hope that many students will be able to take advantage of this community service opportunity," Swift said. "In participating, volunteers will truly be living the legacy of Dr. King in his fight for civil rights. In addition, large events like this provide such a boost of enthusiasm."

Chandra Small, a fourth-year public relations student and a member of the committee planning the event, said she wants students to realize they share a common ability to help others.

"I want USC students to gain knowledge in knowing that we all have something in common regardless of race or ethnicity; and that is the ability and compassion to help others – people helping people," Small said.

Jon Gossens, a second-year business student, said he hopes the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service will unite the USC student body.

"The racial segregation among social groups is very apparent at USC," Gossens said. "I hope an event like Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service will be the start to a change."

To register for the 11th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr., Day of Service, visit www.sa.sc.edu/communityservice/mlk.

Volunteers will meet at 9:30 a.m. for check-in and an opening ceremony. Transportation to volunteer sites and lunch will be provided.

if you go

What: Presentation by the Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation

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MLK Weekend

Jan. 18
7:30 a.m. – Annual commemorative breakfast at The Zone at Williams-Brice Stadium
Tickets on sale for \$8 at the Carolina Coliseum
Featured Speaker: Bishop Frederick Calhoun James

Jan. 21
9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
MLK Day of Service
3:30 p.m. – "The Silence of Good People," a speech by Stephen Morrison, attorney and USC School of Law graduate, of the Nelson Mullins Riley and Scarborough law firm will be given in the Law School Auditorium. The program is free and open to the public. A reception will follow.
6:30 p.m. – The annual Gospel Unity Fest will showcase Doc McKenzie and the Hi-Lites at the Koger Center.

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threefold, to 7,000.
And it's not just New York.
Bedbugs have become a problem in every state, even as far as Alaska, said Cindy Mannes, spokeswoman for the National Pest Management Association.
Companies that got one or two calls a year are now getting several calls a week. "There are some who call it the pest of the 21st century," she said.
Even though the vermin are not known to carry disease, having a bedbug problem can be very upsetting, she acknowledged.
"Psychologically, it is a huge issue," she said. "In the middle of the night, something's coming out to feed on you. Then they disappear and you don't know where they are." Paula Waller can attest to that. The bugs infested her Vernon, N.J., home and she spent thousands of dollars and several months last year trying to get rid of them. She has had to throw out many of her possessions and apply pesticides throughout her home several times.
"I used to have a beautifully decorated home," she said Wednesday. "I've lost everything."

World

BAGHDAD (AP) A female suicide bomber struck black-

clad worshippers preparing for Shiite Islam's holiest day, killing at least nine Wednesday in an attack that highlighted insurgents' widening array of tactics against a U.S.-led offensive in key areas on Baghdad's doorstep.
A witness said people shouted slogans against al-Qaida in Iraq as they carried the dead and wounded from the blast scene near a marketplace in Diyala province — a region of farmland and palm groves northeast of Baghdad that holds strategic havens for extremists.
Diyala remains one of Iraq's most violent regions and is a main battleground for U.S. and Iraqi troops trying to overwhelm al-Qaida strongholds in the capital and elsewhere around the country.
Many extremists fled for safer ground before the new offensive began last week, reducing the expected threats from roadside bombs and ambush attacks. But insurgents left behind a more unconventional — but still deadly — landscape of booby traps and tripwire explosives.
The latest bloodshed also came from a new tactic that appears to be developing in Diyala: a woman suicide bomber.
The blast in Khan Bani Saad, a Shiite village nine miles south of Baqouba, was the fourth suicide attack by

a woman in Iraq in three months. All have taken place in Diyala.
U.S. officials say this indicates the militants are running short of male volunteers.
However, it could also be that al-Qaida in Iraq believes women are less likely to be searched and that explosives are easier to conceal under

women's clothing.
In Wednesday's attack, the woman blew herself up about 50 yards from a mosque as Shiite men in black made preparations for a ceremony marking Ashoura, the holiest day in the Shiite religious calendar, according to residents and police.

Voter To-Do List For Presidential Primaries

Voters need to bring their voter registration card, a valid driver's license or picture identification card from the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Registered voters have been notified of the polling place they need to go to; they cannot simply go to the polling place closest to them.

Registered voters can vote in either primary but can only vote in one or the other.

To vote, one must have registered at least thirty days before the election, according to South Carolina law.

Out-of-state students may vote in primary elections only if they have registered to vote in the state of South Carolina and have established residency in the state.

ROMNEY • Continued from 1

"We must fight for every single good job and good industry," Romney said.
Romney said the economy needs innovation to succeed. He shared an anecdote from when he was a management consultant. During that time, he helped Thomas Stemberg found Staples.
U.S. Sen. Jim DeMint, R-S.C., said Romney would be a candidate that would accurately represent the values of the GOP.
"We need a man that can show Republicans have a better idea," said DeMint. "People have the opportunity of a

lifetime to elect a president that will stand strong for conservative values."

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GAMECAUCUS: REPUBLICAN ENDORSEMENT

Paul’s broad appeal sets him above rivals

A massive sign on Interstate 126 urges drivers to “Vote Ron Paul.” After much deliberation at the Gamecaucus, our editorial board couldn’t help but agree.

The doctor-turned-congressman is a political maverick, but with the country mired in a war and trillions of dollars in debt, a maverick might be just what the doctor ordered.

We chose Ron Paul for his broad appeal to both liberals and conservatives, his convictions and the tenacity with which he holds them and his immense following among young people, which, despite his age, is unmatched by any other Republican candidate.

This is Paul’s second run at the White House; in 1988 he ran as a Libertarian, coming in third in the popular vote behind George H.W. Bush and Democrat Michael Dukakis. Since then, as ABC’s Charlie Gibson said at a Jan. 5 debate, “The only thing [he’s] changed is [his] party.”

While candidates like Mitt Romney have been vilified for changing their values whenever it’s politically expedient, Paul has been shockingly consistent. He has never voted to raise taxes, nor has he voted for an unbalanced budget.

It’s also important to note that Ron Paul is the only major candidate from either party who voted against authorizing the use of force in Iraq.

When a CBS News poll says half of the nation wants most U.S. troops out of Iraq this year, it’s surprising more is not made of this.

His Republican opponents have ganged up on him at times and he still lags behind the frontrunners in polls, but sometimes the popular thing to do is not the right thing to do. Ron Paul has made a career out of that saying and so he gets our endorsement.

He’s never voted to raise taxes, nor has he voted for an unbalanced budget.

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IT’S PRIMARY TIME

We asked students who gets their nod and why for the Republican nomination

Max Lauritzen
First-year business student

“I still haven’t decided yet but I think I’m going to vote for Ron Paul. He wants to lower taxes and get rid of the IRS, which I think would be a great thing.”

Kate Burnett
First-year biology student

“I’m not exactly sure yet who I am supporting in the election, but so far I’m leaning towards either Mitt Romney or Mike Huckabee. I think both men would be great Republican candidates and I agree with their views on the economy and the war.”

Eva Juarez
First-year biology student

“I oppose Ron Paul because although almost everyone knows his name, it seems as though not many people know his policies. He opposes birth-right citizenship and seems harsh on immigration, which seems a little xenophobic to me.”

David Kahn
First-year business student media

“I like Mike Huckabee

because of his southern views and policies.”

Justin Berry
First-year business student

“Giuliani because of 9/11.”

M (Dailygamecock.com reader)

It has been said in times past (by Democrats), that the Republican Party represents only the Rich and forgets about the poor and middle class. I have long defended republicans by saying that this not true and that they do care about the fate of those of us who are less fortunate than others. I also believe that the Republican Party has been strong when it tightly embraces its core values such as Anti-Abortion and Anti-Gay marriage. I am not a Church goer, but I agree with Evangelicals that these core values in particular, are very important to the moral fiber of our society. It is for these reasons, among many others, that I firmly support Mike Huckabee.

Emily Rourke
First-year pharmacy student

“Giuliani — I took a test online and it said he

was the candidate I most aligned with.”

Clayton Tilley
First-year advertising student

“Huckabee because he’s going to select Colbert for vice-president.”

Stephanie Bikcen
First-year elementary education student

“I don’t have a preference in the Republican race.”

Justin Henze
First-year political science student

“I don’t care for any Republican candidate.”

Stewart Brown
First-year music student

“I’m not a Republican, but I wouldn’t throw a revolt if Huckabee or Giuliani won. I don’t like McCain because he seems bent on war, and Ron Paul has weird ideas and is unelectable. One thing I like about Huckabee is that he supports music education. Ron Paul does as well, but some of his other traits make me prefer Huckabee. I do not oppose Giuliani as he hasn’t said anything that outright offended me or struck me as stupid.”

‘Generation X’ caught in transitional social phase

Young people struggle to find line between reality, artifical cultural concepts

If you are like me, you most likely were raised in a world steeped in fake stimuli and saturated by artificial concepts. You probably toggled tirelessly at



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a video game controller since you were weaned and awed at the fictionalized perfection of Hollywood celebrities. This collective upbringing has clouded our sense of reality.

Each generation creates its own “social consciousness” that defines it. “Generation X” is characterized by an overall sense of not knowing what is real or what to believe in. While obsessing over our subpar bodies, we rent movies where the protagonist is always battling to find out if his experiences are real or just the manifestations of his sick mind.

All these unrealistic expectations and searches for truth are a deeper reflection of our social consciousness. It all stems from the “Baby Boom” generation and their civil rights revolution.

Their efforts sparked a series of drastic changes in the most fundamental aspects of our culture. Now, our generation is caught in the transitional phase from this social upheaval.

While the benefits are obvious, the complications seem overlooked. For instance, does anyone really know where we stand with what is racially acceptable? The golf commentator that used the word “lynch” comes to mind. And what about gender roles, sexuality in marriage or protesting Iraq?

Now, don’t be like the elder generations, who view this lack of qualitative answers myopically. We are not “just plain screwed up”.

Our mass confusion is not caused by the inherent existence of these complex issues. The problem lies with whom our parents allowed to be the driver behind the wheel of values — “political correctness”.

What makes political correctness such a reckless driving force is that this “religion” never comes with a book or manual so that one could memorize clearly defined rules and boundaries.

Instead, self-interested individuals vying for more power can change norms at a whim, without telling a soul.

All of this has caused our generation to see the world as filled with arbitrary, meaningless norms. So, like refugees from our parents’ era, we have created our very own “cultural diaspora” that shrinks from the grey vagueness of reality.

Again, if you are like me, you know that there is something wrong with the world around you. To quote the “Matrix”, it’s like “a splinter in your mind, driving you mad.” It’s about time to see how deep this rabbit hole goes — just don’t let “political correctness” be your guide down it.

Teachers owe teens naked truth of sex

Jamie Lynn Spears good example of abstinence-based sex ed. gone wrong

Jamie Lynn Spears is sixteen and pregnant. On one end of the spectrum you have parents concerned about the message it sends to their young children who idolize her. On the other end you have people wondering what happened to Britney’s cute kid sister.

To the latter, her getting knocked up is a test case for why abstinence-only education doesn’t work. She is a result of what happens when school districts and religious groups only teach what they believe is the right way to live. She is what happens when people choose not to deal with reality.

Generally, every human will make a major error in judgment between the ages of 13 and 19. They will or have done things that they are not proud of. They have done things that in some instances have the potential to change their lives. Sex is one of those things. The only difference between



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the average sexually active teen and Spears is that the vast majority of teens do not face the same public scrutiny that Jamie Lynn and her family will face for the rest of their

lives.

Jamie Lynn is like the movie character Juno. She is sixteen, has a supportive family and an expanding lump under her shirt. The difference is at the end of the day Juno is a movie character, who gives her baby up for adoption and gets the boy.

Life outside of the lights, cameras and costume changes is not that simple.

At the end of nine months, Jamie Lynn will have a squirming, screaming, pooping human being on her hands. In nine months her childhood is over.

Abstinence-only education is robbing

children of their right to be children. Sex education should be just that, an education. No teacher should be allowed to just say keep it in your pants because Jesus wants you to. They should also be saying, “if you choose to have sex, be safe.” They should be educating teenagers about STIs, pregnancy and pregnancy prevention. They should educate students about what a condom is and how to use one.

Teachers should not be the only line of defense. Parents who are wondering what to tell their Zoey 101-loving children about Jamie Lynn should tell them what to do so that they don’t end up like her. They should be telling them what sex is and the responsibilities that go along with it.

They need to use this opportunity to point out that some choices can have lifelong consequences.

If someone doesn’t tell these teenagers where kids come from, we’ll end up with a lot more Jamie Lynn Spears look-a-likes running around.

Marilyn Manson



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Marilyn Manson, who has made many changes in his personal life, is currently on tour, promising his usual theatrics.

cools down in recent years

Guild may halt awards ceremony

*Grammys may follow
in Globes' path due to
ongoing writers strike*

By Rick Kushman
The Associated Press

I am seriously trying to produce a column with no mention of the Hollywood writers strike, but events keep unfolding (I hate events) and now, it seems, we may have problems with the Grammys.

The annual music awards show, scheduled for Feb. 10 on CBS, got the latest dark cloud hung over it this week when a Writers Guild spokesman said a waiver for the show is "unlikely," and a handful of music stars said they'd back the writers.

Gregg Mitchell, of the Writers Guild of America, issued a statement that said no official decisions have been made, including whether the writers would picket, "but if a waiver is requested for the Grammys, it is unlikely to be granted."

Meanwhile, others in Hollywood said off the record that they expect that no waiver means there will be a picket line.

What turned the recent Golden Globes to rubble was support of the writers by the Screen Actors Guild, and the refusal of stars to cross the picket line. A number of music stars, including Beyonce, Justin Timberlake and Queen Latifah, are also SAG members and are likely to honor any picketing, and some non-SAG music stars are saying they, too, might stay away.

What does that mean for the show? It's unclear at the moment, although after the slapdash disaster of the Golden Globes — which, if you're counting, drew a fourth-place, 5.8 million viewers Sunday night on NBC — you have to know CBS and Grammy organizers are worried.

It's also possible the show can be salvaged, depending on the attitude of the nominees. If enough music stars decide to show up and perform, CBS could still scrape together a decent show. Or, the stars may go for solidarity with their fellow artists and decide to stick it to the Man/entertainment corporations.

The third option would be the strike gets settled in three weeks. But since the writers and the studio/network alliance haven't talked since Dec. 7, don't bet too heavily on Option 3.

In another development this week that's more of an insider concern, most of the major TV studios have cut off deals with 60-plus writers and producers who are not involved in ongoing projects — meaning they aren't on shows that are airing now or would be in development if there were no strike.

All the studios have long-term contracts with writers, and pay in the range of \$500,000 to \$2 million annually for them. They are, essentially, holding deals that allow those writers and producers to try to develop shows.

However, the studios this week activated a common clause in the contracts that allows them to terminate the deals if there's a continuing strike, and this one has been continuing since Nov. 5.

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*Shock artist sets stage for
upcoming tour, discusses
recent changes in lifestyle*

Jim Abbot
MCT Campus

When it comes to shock value, Marilyn Manson isn't the lightning rod that he was 10 years ago.

Yet, in a mannered, articulate phone conversation, the man whose "Antichrist Superstar" act has been frequently — and perhaps unfairly — invoked in reaction to pretty much every instance of senseless violence since Columbine still relishes his capacity to stun.

When he talks about his current tour, the descriptions are loaded with boasts about how the show will "completely blow things up. Like it used to be, but worse for everyone. I wouldn't even go to the show. Stay at home. It's gonna be a nightmare."

In a good way, presumably.

At the same time, Manson, 38, projects a more sensitive side. His new album, "Eat Me, Drink Me," was inspired both by his divorce from burlesque queen Dita Von Teese and his subsequent relationship with actress Evan Rachel Wood, who is about half his age. Combine that relationship with his recent reunion with band mate Twiggy Ramirez and Marilyn Manson is, dare one say it, happy.

"Do you mean Disneyland?" he responds to a question about being in a happy place. "You can't have any art without suffering, but

it doesn't mean you have to be a miserable person. As much as my relationship now is positive, that doesn't cure the things I can never fix about myself.

"It's always surprising when someone can love me at all, so having Evan in my life is a salvation. As for Twiggy, it's not even about the music. Just to be friends with him is the most important thing."

The renewal of that friendship and creative relationship severed Manson's ties with collaborator Tim Skold, who was responsible for the more melodic approach to the "Eat Me" songs.

"There's too much tension there," Manson says. "Those two couldn't be on stage with each other, so out of respect for both of them I decided to split with Tim for this tour. It doesn't mean that it's forever, but Twiggy's back forever. Of course, forever is a very loose term when you talk about Marilyn Manson."

For example, as recently as 2004, Manson intimated that he would retire from the music business to concentrate on art, film and other projects.

What happened?

"It had a lot to do with the relationship I was in," he says. "People are only inspired by their surroundings and what's around them. I won't put the blame on anyone else; it's how I felt.

"I felt like it was bad to be me, and I took it out on myself in terms of running away from music. It could've been the worst mistake I ever made."

"Eat Me" reflected that soul searching.

"It wasn't a choice as much as a necessity. I was at a place where I didn't really know who I wanted to be anymore. No one could save me from that except myself, and the album was written like I've never written music before."

That introspective approach means that Manson no longer gravitates to material about the intersection between violence and society as readily as he once did. He is unhappy about being "objectified as a product."

"You can't mention 'school shooting' without mentioning Marilyn Manson," he says. "If there's a thesaurus of pain, I'm in there. At this point, I didn't ask for it."

Yet, as he warms to the topic, there's still a sense of pride about his image.

"Anyone can sell records. Marilyn Manson now is about death toll. How many more things can I be blamed for? If you wanna shoot people, just join the Army. That's the message that America sends you anyway."

When people invoke his name in conversations about, say, the Virginia Tech massacre, he's wary of the context.

"I've been talking about the hypocrisy of how America looks at violence when it creates so much violence. When there's some recent act I don't know how that can be more violent than me growing up when my dad was in Vietnam.

"It's all the same, there's just

more channels now."

On stage, however, Manson's theatrical tendencies remain intact. Although playing smaller venues, he promises to offer some bang for the buck.

"As much as can be fit in there, starting with our egos," he says. "At this point, Twiggy and I could just look at each other, set ourselves on fire, bow and be done."

In reality, the plan is to do a lot of songs that fans haven't heard in a while, although Manson doesn't know yet exactly which ones.

"This tour is really about the attitude that he and I had in the beginning when we used to walk on stage and play whatever we wanted. We didn't care about playing the single."

And the shock value? He's realistic about it.

"The world is unbelievable and there's nothing that anyone could do, let alone me, that would shock you more than when you turn on TV."

It looks like Manson will continue to make the effort, seeing his future work as a combination of music, art and films such as "Phantasmagoria — The Visions of Lewis Carroll," tentatively set for summer release.

"It's a matter of putting my energy in the right places at the right times," he says. "When I was unhappy with what people were doing with my music, I needed to be reminded that I'm here to make people unhappy, not to be unhappy."



Video Clip of the Week

Robert Johnson
The Associated Press

This clever YouTube video is something any fan of science fiction or parody can enjoy, particularly fans of the "Star Wars" trilogy.

"Star Wars Cops" plays out as a ten-minute clip spoof of the television program "Cops." Stormtroopers take the place of police officers, and instead of searching for illegal drugs or illicit activities, these troopers are looking for C-3P0 and R2-D2, just like in the original "Star Wars" trilogy. There is

also a spoof of the domestic violence calls that frequently occur on "Cops."

This video has surprisingly good production values, especially for a YouTube clip. Although "Cops" spoofs are fairly common and corny, this one manages to stand out. It looks very much like one of the "Star Wars" movies, and while the dialogue and acting are pure parody, it isn't too campy, either. The second half is a bit slow, but the ending has a quirky "Forest Gump"-like moment that is worth seeing.



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"Stars Wars Cops" is a recent video parody that can be found on YouTube.

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The overall impact on TV is minimal, because when the strike eventually gets settled — unless it's infinite — the studios can hire them back. But it is another sign of the financial impact of the strike, as the studios take more steps both in cost-cutting and in playing hardball.

In non-strike TV happenings — see, I can do this — we have news you knew would come eventually: Oprah Winfrey is starting her own TV network.

Winfrey and Discovery Communications announced Tuesday that the Oprah Winfrey Network will start next year and take the place in the cable lineup of what's now the Discovery Health Channel.

The announcement said Oprah's network will

be owned half by her and half by Discovery, and that the deal was a cashless transaction. Although rights to Winfrey's current talk show are tied up until 2011, the announcement also said she expects to use many of her regular contributors.

And, by the way, how perfect is the acronym for the Oprah Winfrey Network: OWN. Because, someday soon, and this may not be such a bad thing, Oprah will probably own, you know, everything.

Finally, we have a (sigh) strike version of What'd They Do to My Show? Here's a list of the network and major cable shows that have run out of new episodes.

That doesn't mean some won't show up in reruns — Showtime's "Dexter," for instance, will air on CBS in February, and "Law & Order: Criminal Intent"

ran through its first-run cache on USA and is now in repeats on NBC.

It does mean it will be a long while before you see a new episode. If your show isn't on the list, there are at least a couple more to go, though no promises about when they'll air.

ABC: "Desperate Housewives," "Grey's Anatomy," "Private Practice," "Pushing Daisies" and "Women's Murder Club."

CBS: "The Big Bang Theory," "Cane," "CSI," "CSI: Miami," "How I Met Your Mother," "Rules of Engagement," "Two and a Half Men" and "The Unit."

CW: "The Game," "Girlfriends" and "Gossip Girl."

FX: "Damages," "It's Always Sunny in

Philadelphia" and "Rescue Me."

HBO: "Big Love," "Curb Your Enthusiasm," "Entourage," "Flight of the Conchords" and "Tell Me You Love Me."

Lifetime: "Army Wives."

NBC: "30 Rock," "Bionic Woman," "Heroes," "Journeyman," "Life," "My Name Is Earl" and "The Office."

Showtime: "Brotherhood," "Californication," "Dexter" and "Weeds."

TBS: "My Boys."

TNT: "The Closer" and "Saving Grace."

USA: "Burn Notice" and "Law & Order: Criminal Intent."

RIVERS CUOMO

Weezer artist releases new album to high praise from hardcore fans, skepticism from mainstream listeners

Gardner Beson
The Daily Gamecock

Geffen Records' recent release of "Alone: The Home Recordings of Rivers Cuomo" is just another indication of actual musicianship in the pop music industry. The album's artwork is a representation of originality all on its own. Before listening to Cuomo's album, I was neither familiar with nor a fan of Weezer, the band with whom Cuomo first expressed his musical abilities. Weezer is probably most known for their two greatest hits: "Buddy Holly" and "Undone-The Sweater Song." While they started out as a small garage band playing in California bars, they are now nationally known and have won four separate MTV Video Music Awards for their music.

While the band has changed over the years, Rivers Cuomo has remained the band's brain, driving force and main source of leadership. His gift for music spans the genres of punk,

folk, modern rock and blues. He uses all of these genres to synthesize a sound that is best described by the hyphenated, made up word: indie-folk. The album successfully blends a few of his old band's songs (to the appreciation of Weezer fans) as well as a few new ones. All of the original Weezer tunes on the track are Cuomo's demos that he sent to record companies before they signed with Electric Lady Studios in 1994, so the recording quality is (as the title states) home-made. This creates a more intimate experience for listening to the music as well as the lyrics.

A few new tunes, including my personal favorite "Who You Callin' Bitch?" feature a new style for Cuomo that to most would sound like Sufjan Stevens mixed with Jerry Garcia.

While the recording quality did make me feel a little bad-ass indie for a minute, it was distracting after that wore off. The lyrics at times were really great, but bizarre other

times. Those who know Weezer will admit that Rivers' voice at times quavers and bends off pitch slightly. This is fine for a band album, or a combination of voices: not for a solo album. I enjoyed the homely feeling that I experienced while listening to this album. I also enjoyed the (sometimes) witty lyrics, and the complex harmonies that are present in the guitar and bass lines. Really, the only thing that prevents this album from being a best seller is the way it was recorded. There are a number of tracks ("Blast-off," "Longtime Sunshine" for example) that have popping and clipping often associated with home-studio based CDs, and while this is a "meant to be that way" type of effect, it sounds a little slack in the quality. Overall, "Alone: The Home Recordings of Rivers Cuomo" is a good album. It is a must-have for hardcore Weezer fans. "Alone" gets three out of five stars.

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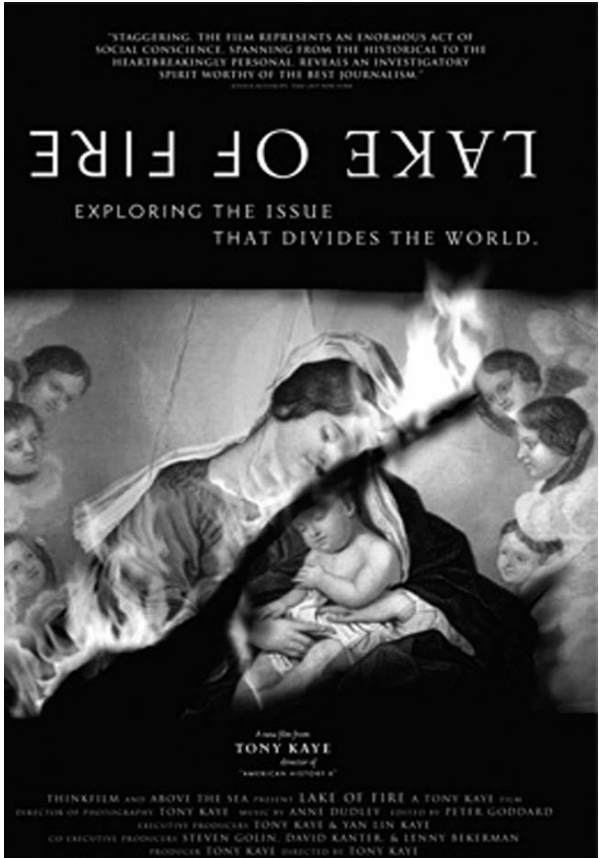
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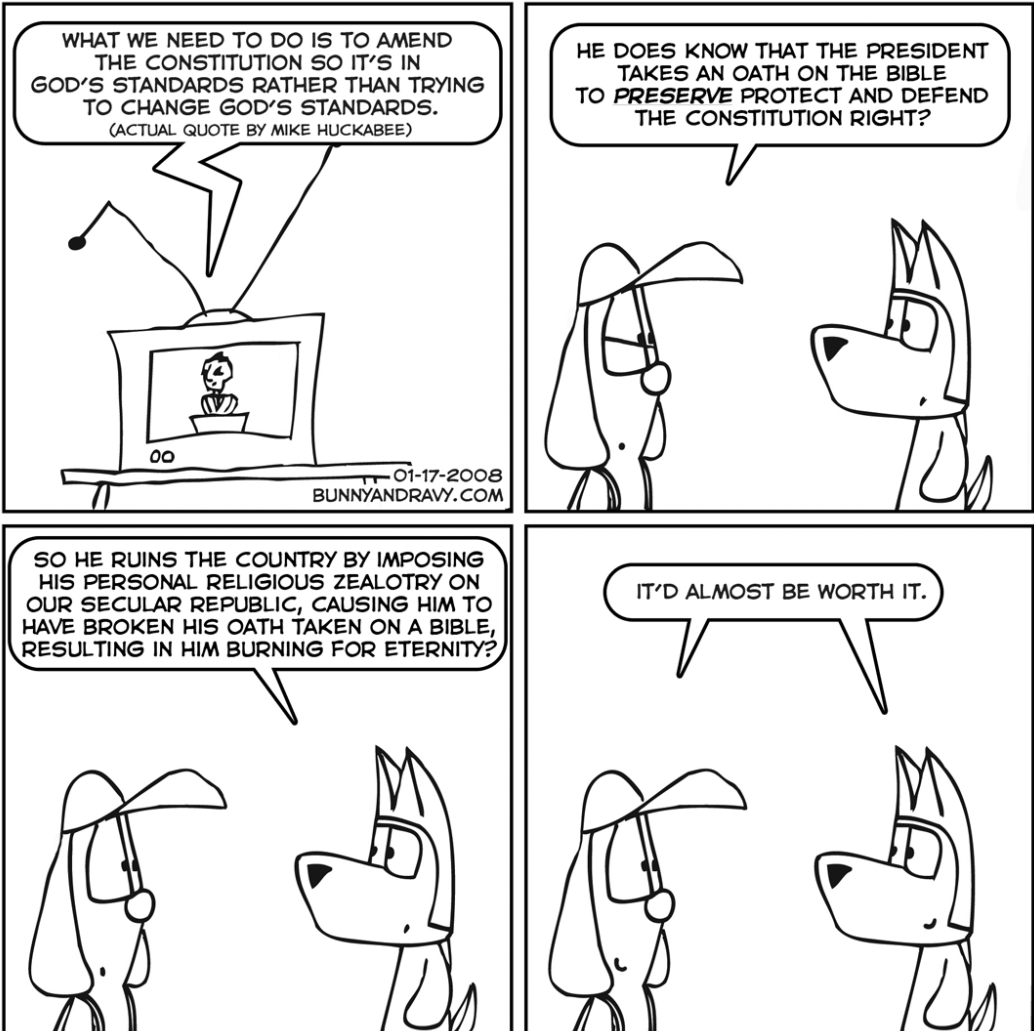
Aries It's your friends who are critical now, perhaps out of jealousy. Take their ribbing with good humor. They can't stop you now. Your real friends are proud as punch. **Taurus** You can accomplish just about anything, if you begin it now. If you can't actually go yet, like on a world cruise, at least begin your planning. Choose a destination. **Gemini** Your savings account gets fatter as you improve your shopping skills. Frugality is a game you can learn how to play. Pretend you don't have to do it, and some day you won't.

Cancer One good deed leads to another. That's how you advance. You do favors for people you care about; they do favors for you. Let them know what you need. **Leo** Lately you've had to do a lot of the work yourself, to have the job done right. That won't be much of an option in the coming phase. Find people whom you can give jobs to, who will do them perfectly. **Virgo** Your partner's imagination seems to be out of control. You want to stick closer to reality. Is that absolutely necessary? Let yourself go. Reality's hard to

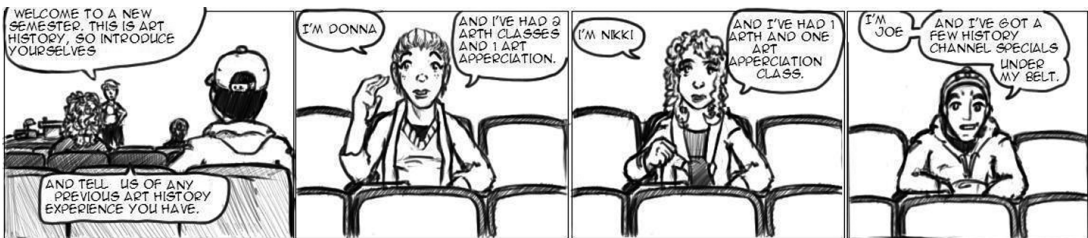
define, anyway. **Libra** What else does your family want to make life comfortable? Stock up now, while the sales are on. You won't have to shop again for months. **Scorpio** You're teaching and learning simultaneously, to and from the same person. The exchange makes your head spin. Don't push; relax and let it happen. **Sagittarius** The routine may seem unbearable at times, but you can bear it. Hard work makes you stronger. It also provides the coin, in this case, to buy yourself a nice vacation.

Capricorn You're very lucky now. Ask for favors. Make promises and commitments, especially with loved ones and children. You'll end up looking very good. **Aquarius** It may seem like it takes longer to get just about anything done. Don't argue with what is, adapt. Things will go much more smoothly once you stop worrying. **Pisces** Practice and listen and pay attention to what other people are doing. Copy the most successful ones and you'll naturally become one of them.

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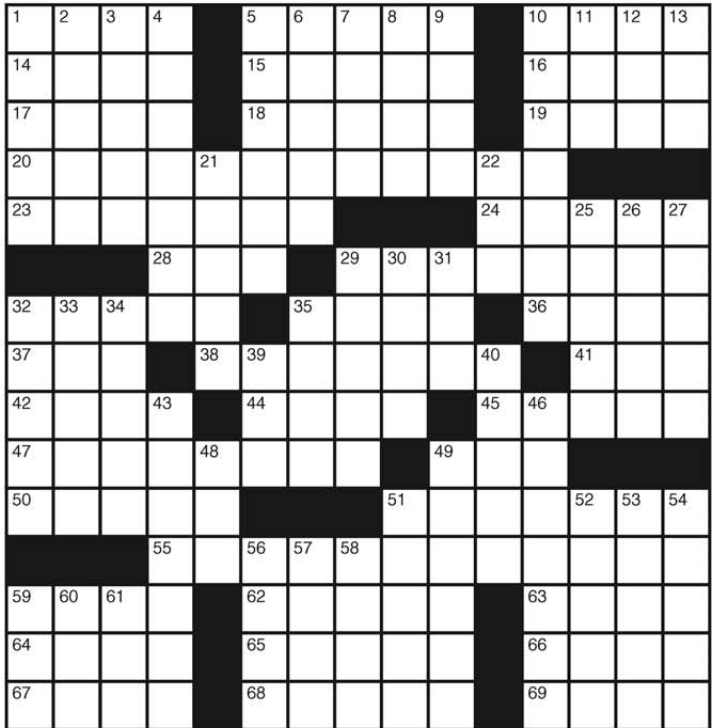
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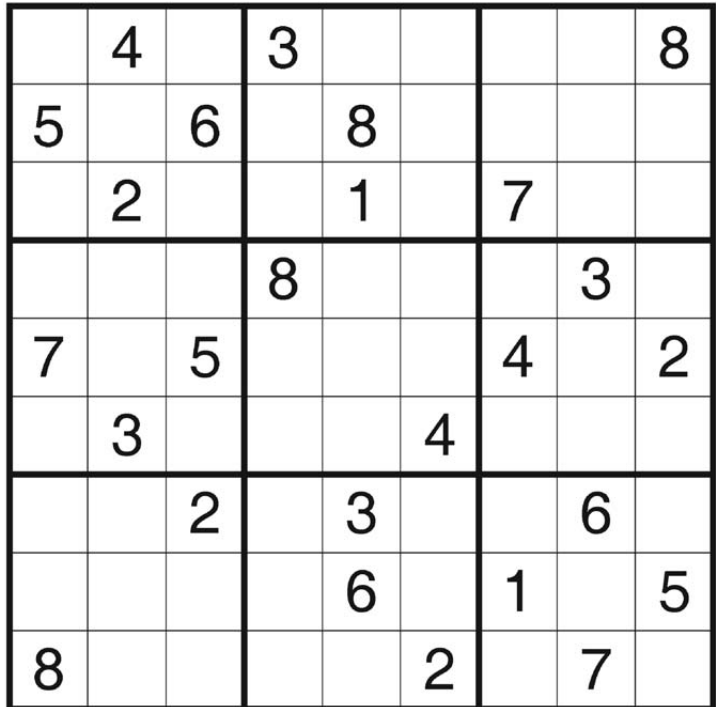
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Men’s basketball earns first SEC win

Gamecocks hold off resilient Razorbacks for first conference road victory since January 2007

Jake Luce
Alex Riley
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

A Devan Downey fadeaway shot with 23.7 seconds remaining helped the Carolina Gamecocks hold on for a 70-66 win over Arkansas in Fayetteville last night. The win improves the Gamecocks to 9-8 on the year and gives them their first win in SEC play.

Downey, who scored a game-high 28 points, added to his SEC-leading steals total as he had six pickpockets. His jumper with just under 24 ticks remaining put Carolina up 68-64 and a pair of free throws following a Sonny Weems shot sealed the game.

Despite falling behind early in the first half, South Carolina was able to muster a 33-32 lead at halftime. Weems came on strong in the second half and also finished with 28 points. But 19 Razorback turnovers and a 3-of-14 performance from three-point land doomed the Hogs (13-4, 2-1 SEC). The Gamecocks used the 19 turnovers to score 20 points compared to just 10 for Arkansas.

The last time these two teams met, the Gamecocks were swiftly eliminated from the SEC tournament in the first round, losing by 30 points, but the game last night proved that this is a different squad.

With their win in last night’s matchup the men’s basketball team has attained

their first conference win as well as winning record which they hope to maintain throughout the SEC schedule.

Despite Arkansas having four players taller than any of those playing for coach Dave Odom’s squad, the Gamecocks were able to utilize their athleticism enough to keep the game close. Carolina lost the rebounding edge by a decisive 40-24 margin but managed to block three shots and hit eight 3-pointers.

Dominique Archie used key shots late in the half to earn 10 points, while Zam Fredrick finished with 14. In limited playing time, freshman Sam Muldrow had an assist, a steal and two blocks. Carolina also finished with a solid performance at the free-throw line hitting 80-percent of their charity tosses (12-of-15).

With the victory, USC snaps a three game losing streak. The Razorbacks’ four game winning streak was snapped last night as they entered the game off wins over Auburn, Alabama, Baylor and Louisiana-Monroe.

Though excited about the win, the forecast doesn’t look any easier for USC. After taking the weekend off, Carolina will play host to two-time defending NCAA champion Florida Gators next Wednesday.

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April L. Brown / The Associated Press

USC’s (left) Evka Baniulis battles Arkansas’ Stephen Hill for a rebound during Carolina’s 70-66 win in Fayetteville.

Stat Line

Devan Downey’s 28 points were his second highest point total this season. (30 points vs. Penn St.)

The win is USC’s first SEC road victory since Jan. 27, 2007 against Mississippi State (66-63).

Freshmen enroll for spring semester, football adds future standouts to roster

Michael Aguilar
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

USC Coach Steve Spurrier announced Tuesday the names of seven scholarship freshmen enrolling at Carolina for the Spring 2008 semester. The freshmen are the first in their recruiting class to officially become part of the Gamecock nation.

Antonio Allen

6-2 190 lbs. Safety Fork Union Military Academy

Allen signed with the Gamecocks last February but spent last fall at Fork Union Military Academy. He is ranked as the No. 12 best prep school prospect in the country according to Rivals.com. Prior to signing on at Carolina and Fork Union, Allen was a high school teammate of current Gamecock wide receiver Dion Lecorn at Trinity Catholic High School in Ocala, Florida.

Akeem Auguste

5-11 180 lbs. Cornerback Fork Union Military Academy

Auguste also signed last February and went on to Fork Union. After a year at Fork Union Auguste is ranked as the No. 23 prep school prospect in the country according to Rivals.com. He attended Chaminade-Madonna High School in Hollywood, FL., and in his final two seasons he racked up 114 tackles and 10 interceptions. After his senior year, Auguste was put at the No. 14 best cornerback in the nation by Rivals.com.

Reid McCollum

6-4 195 lbs. Quarterback Summerville High School

Possibly the most sought after quarterback prospect in the state, McCollum is graduating a semester early in order to spend an extra semester under the tutelage of Spurrier. He led the Green Wave to a state championship game during his senior year. McCollum participated in the 71st annual Shrine Bowl. He turned down offers from Virginia Tech, Wake Forest, Duke, Georgia Tech and NC State to come to Carolina

Eric Baker

5-11 190 lbs. Running Back Fork Union Military Academy

Baker is another transfer from Fork Union. During the fall 2007 season he logged 800 yards and 10 touchdowns in spite of fighting a reoccurring ankle injury. Rivals.com considers him the No. 9 best prep school prospect in the nation. As a senior at Edward H. White High School in Jacksonville, FL., he led the state of Florida in rushing and tallied over 1500 yards in each of his last two seasons in high school.

Jay Spearman

6-0 187 lbs. Athlete Greenwood High School

Spearman is the type of recruit that makes coaches salivate. He clocks in at a 4.4 40-yard dash and will compete for playing time at defensive back and wide receiver. Spearman played quarterback at Greenwood and led the team to an 11-2 record while totaling 1300 all-purpose yards and 10 touchdowns his senior year. Rivals.com ranks him as the No. 13 overall recruit in the Palmetto state.

Charles “C.C.” Whitlock

6-0 172 lbs. Athlete Chester High School

Similarly to Spearman, Whitlock has Gamecock coaches chomping at the bit to get him out on the field to see what he can do. Whitlock saw significant playing time at receiver, running back and quarterback his senior year and was voted first team all-state by the Associated Press. Rivals.com ranks him as the fourth best player in the state and the No. 11 cornerback in the nation.

Shaquille Wilson

6-0 220 lbs. Linebacker First Coast High School

The only pure defensive player of all the early enrollees, Wilson has a stat line that makes him stand out for more than just that reason. During his senior year totaled 116 tackles, three sacks, three interceptions, four forced fumbles and three fumble recoveries. He was the first Gamecock commitment of 2008 and was named the North Florida Defensive Player of the Year by The Florida Times-Union.

PEDs infiltrate pop culture

Steroids’ appeal, infamy increase as bigger fish continue to be called out

Over the past few months, steroids have slowly entrenched themselves in sports headlines in newspapers, on television and on the Internet.

Almost every day there seems to be a new story of an athlete being questioned about using steroids (or, if you prefer the technical term, “performance enhancing drugs”), admitting to using steroids or giving their opinion about other athletes taking steroids.

The recent wave of steroid talk started up with the release of the Mitchell Report, a document compiled by former US Senator George Mitchell, that summarized his investigation of widespread steroid use in baseball.

His report named specific players, including high profile players such as Miguel Tejada, Andy Pettitte and Roger Clemens. In the report, Clemens was accused of taking steroids by his former personal trainer, Brian McNamee.



KEITH LOCKLEAR
*Fourth-year
finance
student*

Since the release of the report, Clemens has openly denied ever taking any drugs to anybody who will listen to him. He has posted messages on his personal website, spoken to reporters and has even appeared on the television program “60 Minutes” to defend himself.

This has resulted in a battle of words between Clemens and McNamee, each accusing the other one of lying. This war of words has become a major story on ESPN, often being the headline story of SportsCenter, as opposed to an actual sporting event.

The rampant use of steroids has not been confined to baseball, though. Former track star and Olympic gold medalist Marion Jones repeatedly denied ever taking drugs to help her perform better before finally admitting that she was on steroids when she was competing in the Olympics. She was appropriately stripped of her gold medals and was sentenced to a 6-month jail term for lying about taking performance enhancing drugs.

With so many players involved in steroids scandals, it was only a matter of time before fans became fed up with not knowing which players were clean and which players were cheating.

This past week, a New York Yankees fan sued the team for \$221, the amount of money he spent on tickets to watch the Yankees play between 2002 and 2007, which was supposedly the “Golden Age” of steroids in Major League Baseball. While the lawsuit will more than likely never hold up in court, it shows that fans are starting to realize that the games that they have been watching over the past couple of years were truly impure.

Steroids have even started to spill over into headlines of other sections of the newspaper. The US Congress has taken it upon themselves to thoroughly investigate how much steroid use was actually taking place in baseball. This means that instead of Congress trying to solve many of the other problems that plague our country, such as poverty and poor education, they are spending their time interviewing the Commissioner of MLB about why he did not do more to prevent steroid use.

Also, in a story that came out last week that has not received nearly as much media attention, several major entertainers were named in connection with a steroid producing laboratory based out of Albany, New York. Rappers 50 Cent and Timbaland, singers Mary J. Blige and Wyclef Jean and actor/director Tyler Perry may have all received steroids over the past year. This shows that athletes are not the only role models that are showing children it is acceptable to use performance enhancing drugs as long as you don’t get caught.

Personally, I would like to see these stories receive less media attention then they are currently receiving. By parading around the fact that these athletes cheated to get where they are in their careers, we spend a lot less time focusing on the games themselves. If the athletes are truly innocent, they should not have any problem proving it in a court of law.

I am sure that some of these people who have been accused of taking steroids really are innocent, but the ones that are actually guilty need to be tried and sentenced in a court of law, not just in the court of public opinion.



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Roger Clemens listens during a news conference about his alleged steroid use Monday.

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